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## CUBS in TOYLAND

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WOLF MANOR IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF JANUARY.

GHOST!

STOP THAT! NO ROUGHHOUSING IN THE WAR ROOM.



# TOY BOAT

Chapter 1 of  
**CUBS in  
TOYLAND**

In which we begin our tale with the promise of a fantastical, magical journey.

ALL  
RIGHT!

THAT'S  
DONE IT!

EVERYONE IS  
**BANISHED** TO HIS OWN  
ROOM! AND NO DINNER UNTIL  
EACH ROOM CAN PASS A DOUBLE  
DADDY-LEVEL **MILITARY**  
INSPECTION!

BUT  
DADDY'S NOT  
HERE.

IT  
WASN'T **MY**  
FAULT! THEY  
TOOK **MR.**  
GROWLY!

DON'T  
MAKE HER  
MADDER THAN  
SHE **IS,**  
CONNOR!

REMEMBER  
WHAT HAPPENED  
THE **LAST** TIME!  
RESTRICTIONS FOR  
A MILLION, BILLION  
YEARS!

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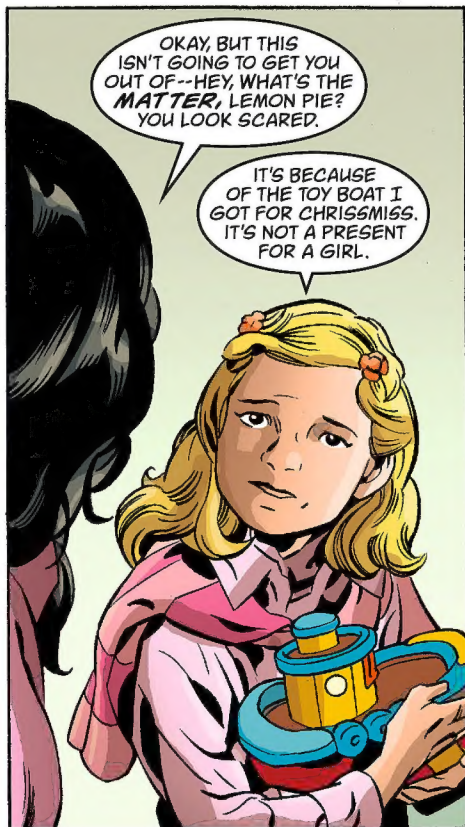
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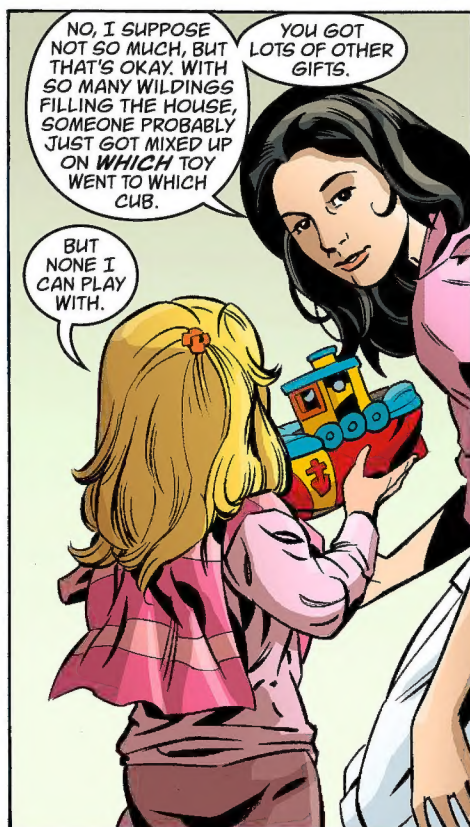
DIDN'T YOU **HEAR** ME, THERESE?

I DID, BUT I WANTED TO **ASK** YOU SOMETHING.



OKAY, BUT THIS ISN'T GOING TO GET YOU OUT OF--HEY, WHAT'S THE **MATTER**, LEMON PIE? YOU LOOK SCARED.

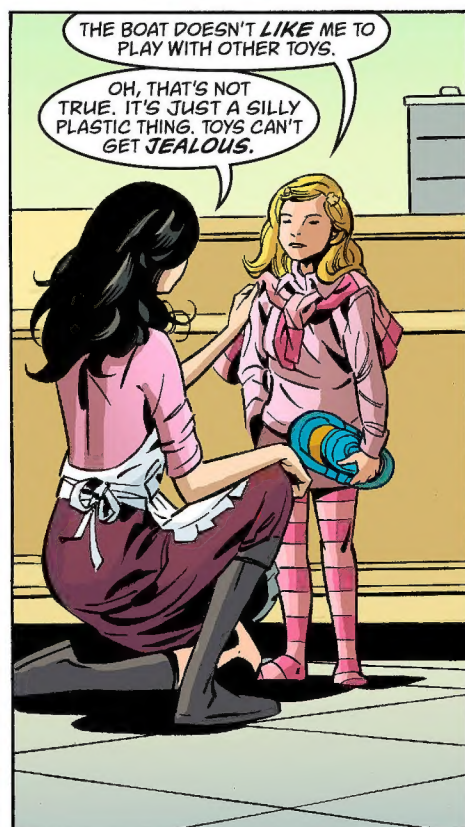
IT'S BECAUSE OF THE TOY BOAT I GOT FOR CHRISMISS. IT'S NOT A PRESENT FOR A GIRL.



NO, I SUPPOSE NOT SO MUCH, BUT THAT'S OKAY. WITH SO MANY WILDINGS FILLING THE HOUSE, SOMEONE PROBABLY JUST GOT MIXED UP ON **WHICH** TOY WENT TO WHICH CUB.

YOU GOT LOTS OF OTHER GIFTS.

BUT NONE I CAN PLAY WITH.



THE BOAT DOESN'T **LIKE** ME TO PLAY WITH OTHER TOYS.

OH, THAT'S NOT TRUE. IT'S JUST A SILLY PLASTIC THING. TOYS CAN'T GET **JEALOUS**.

MEANWHILE, IN THE WORLD OF THE NORTH WIND...

IS THE TRAINING TOO SCARY AGAIN? YOU REMEMBER I TOLD YOU TO TELL ME IF THEY TRIED PUSHING YOU TOO HARD.

NO, THAT'S NOT IT, DADDY.

IT'S JUST--

I DON'T THINK IT'S TOO SCARY ANYMORE. MOSTLY IT'S FUN.

BUT YOU MISS HOME. ME TOO, WINTER.

YES, I MISS MOMMY, AND THERESE, AND GHOST, AND AMBROSE, AND BLOSSOM, AND CONNOR, AND EVEN DARE.

I LIKE MOMMY'S SCHOOL-TIME BETTER, AND PLAYING WITH NOT SO MANY RESPONSIBLEES.

WE'LL SEE THEM ALL AGAIN SOON. EVEN NORTH WIND SCHOOL DOESN'T LAST FOREVER. WE'LL MAKE THESE PIRATES GIVE US A *BREAK* IN A FEW DAYS.

AND SOMETHING ELSE...

I'VE BEEN HAVING THE SAME SCARY DREAM EVERY NIGHT.

ONLY I KNOW THEY AREN'T DREAMS.



"IT'S ME WHEN I'M  
ALL GROWN UP.

"I'M THE NORTH WIND,  
JUST LIKE THEY WANT  
ME TO BE.

"BUT I'M ALSO *NOT*  
LIKE THEY WANT ME  
TO BE, BECAUSE I'M  
MEAN AND ALWAYS  
HAVE MY OWN WAY.

"I MAKE EVERYONE  
DO ONLY WHAT I  
WANT.

"AND I'M NEVER AFRAID  
EVER AGAIN, BECAUSE I  
MAKE EVERYONE AFRAID  
OF *ME.*"





THAT NIGHT...

THERESE.

THERESE.



TIME TO WAKE UP, LITTLE GIRLY GIRL.

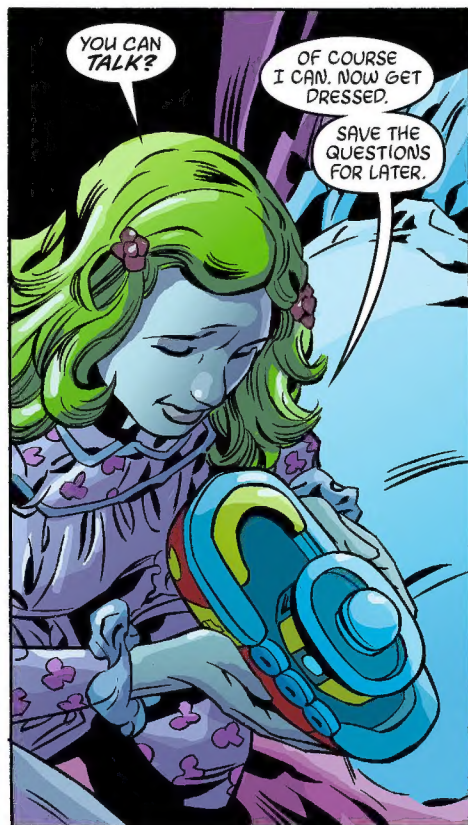
TIME FOR US TO GO.



WHA--?

HUH?

IT'S DARK NOW AND EVERYONE'S ASLEEP, SO WE CAN SNEAK AWAY.

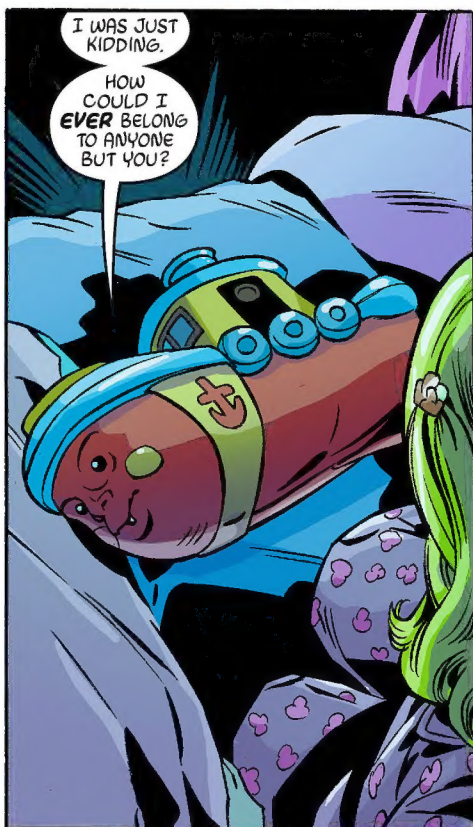


YOU CAN TALK?

OF COURSE I CAN. NOW GET DRESSED.

SAVE THE QUESTIONS FOR LATER.







EARLY THE NEXT MORNING...

WITH A SINGLE *PHRASE*, MISTER DARK BUILT A SERIES OF MISDIRECTION SPELLS THAT WILL KEEP CASTLE DARK HIDDEN FROM THE MUNDYS FOR ALL TIME.



REMARKABLE.

YES, MADDY. UH... I SUPPOSE IT IS.

IS IT SAFE TO GO IN?



OH, YEAH. HE DIDN'T PLACE A SINGLE WARDING AGAINST FABLES.

IT'S AS IF HE WANTED US TO SHOW UP-- EVENTUALLY.

COURTYARDS WITHIN COURTYARDS! LIKE NESTING DOLLS! SO MUCH ROOM!

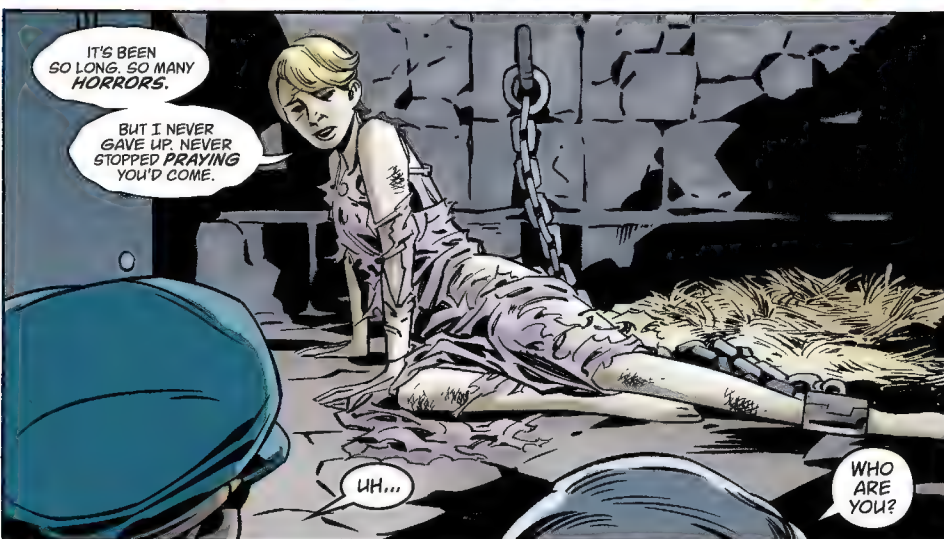


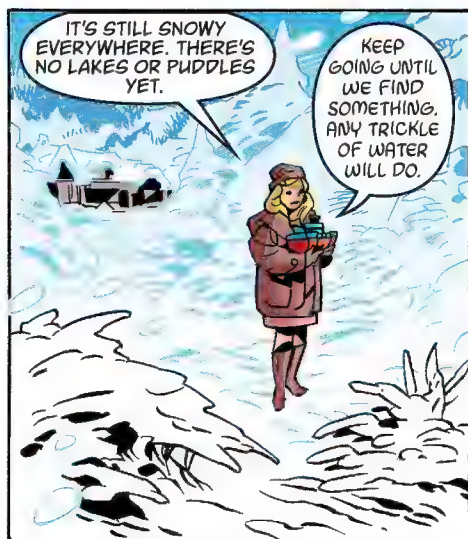
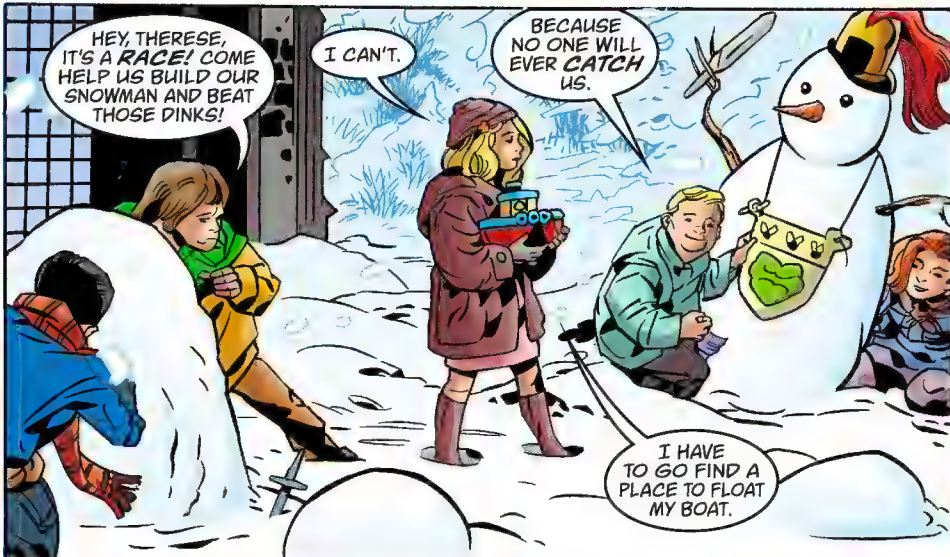
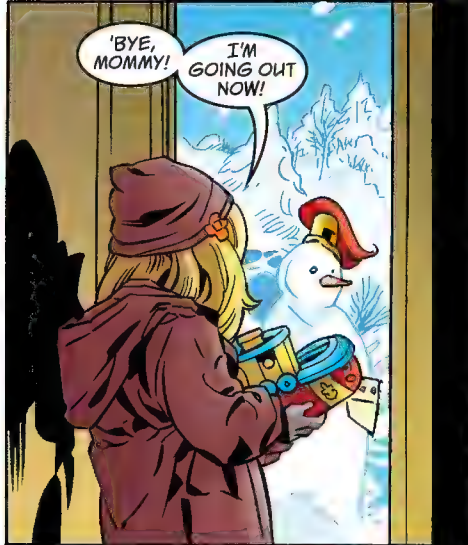
IF THIS IS TO BE THE NEW FABLETOWN, WE SHOULD STOP CALLING IT CASTLE DARK.

BAD OVERTONES AND SUCH.



AND WE'LL WANT TO GET RID OF SOME OF THE MORE GRUESOME... UH... DECORATIONS.

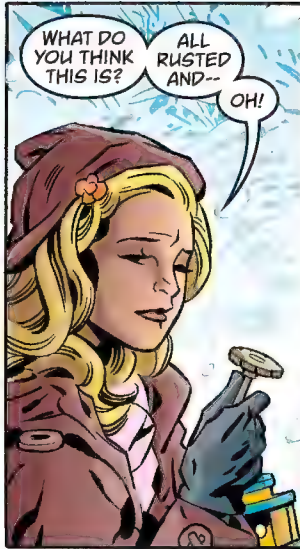






HEY, LOOK.

DON'T STOP NOW. I CAN ALMOST HEAR WATER NEARBY.



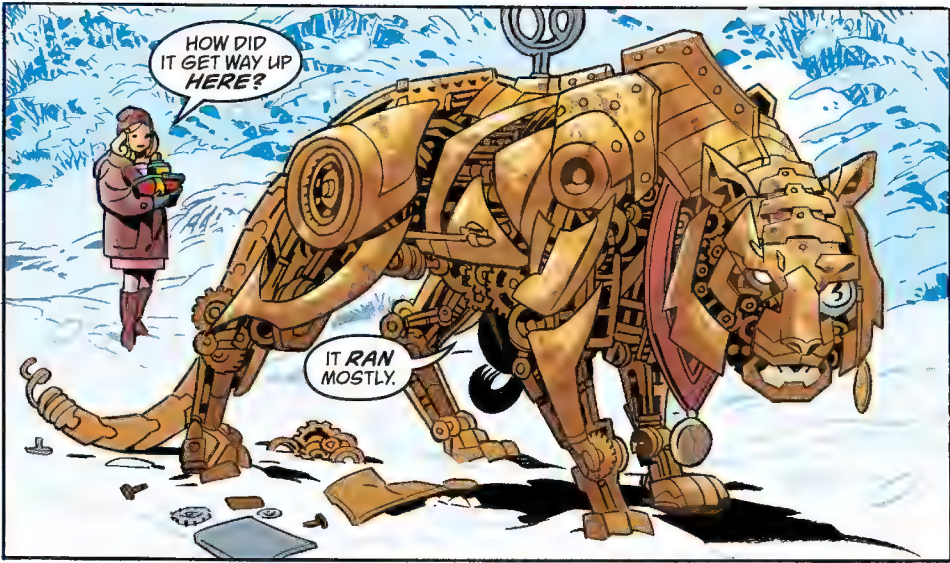
WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS IS?

ALL RUSTED AND--

OH!

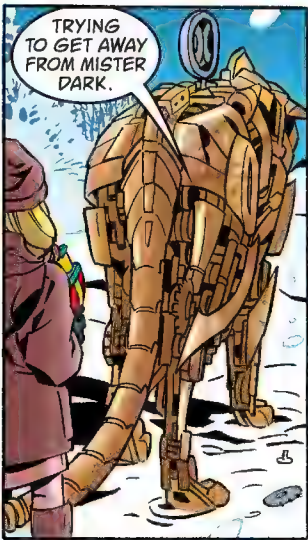


IT'S THE TICKY TOCKY TIGER THING MR. MOOGLI BROUGHT HOME FROM THE FARAWAY JUNGLE!



HOW DID IT GET WAY UP HERE?

IT RAN MOSTLY.



TRYING TO GET AWAY FROM MISTER DARK.



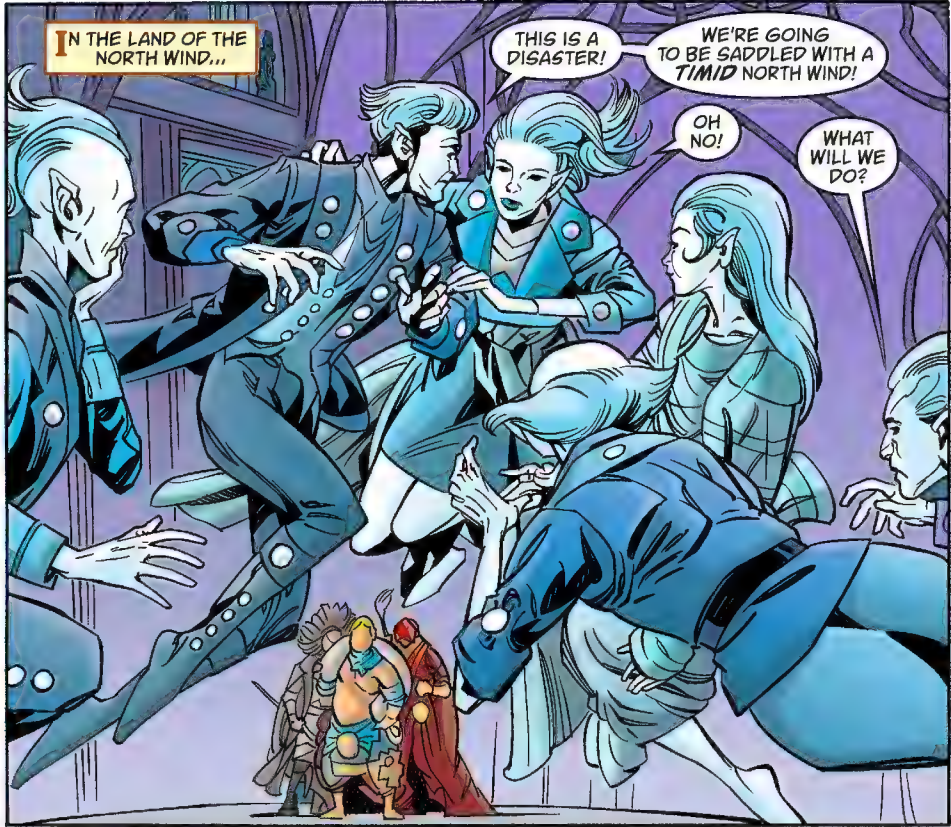
MADE IT A LONG WAY BEFORE BREAKING DOWN AGAIN.



BECAUSE I WASN'T HERE TO KEEP HIM--

O-OH!  
I NEED THAT!







LOOK!

THERE'S A STREAM, FINALLY.

BUT WE'RE AN AWFUL LONG WAY FROM HOME.



IT DOESN'T MATTER.

HOME IS FOR SISSIES AND LITTLE BABIES.

ARE YOU A CRYING LITTLE BABY?



NO!

I'M NEARLY NINE!

THEN PUT ME IN THE WATER, QUICK!



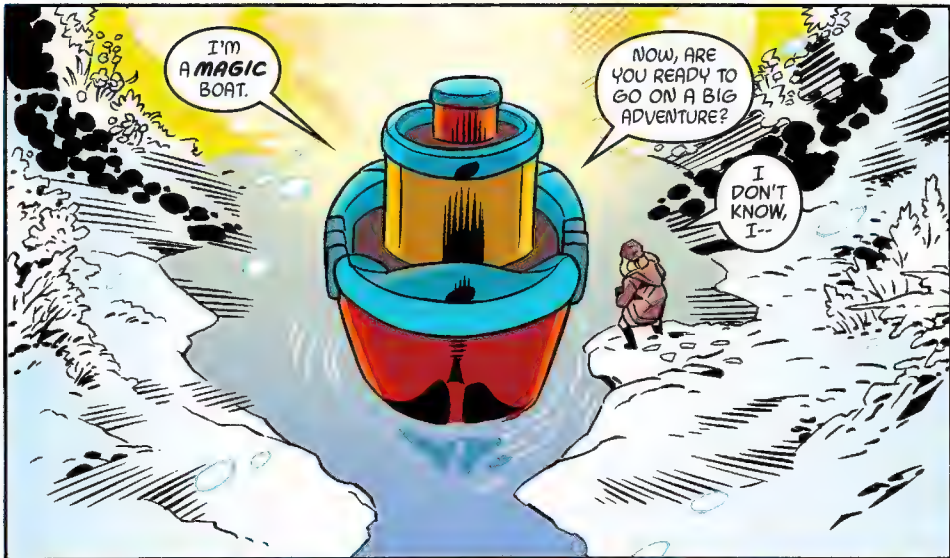
OKAY, BUT IT'S NOT A VERY BIG STREAM.

THAT WON'T MATTER, IT'S--

AAAAHHHHHHH.

THAT'S BETTER.







ISN'T THIS EVER SO MUCH FUN?

IT IS!

IT REALLY IS!

BUT WHERE ARE WE GOING?

YOU'LL SEE.

YES, YOU'LL SEE.

# A REVOLUTION in **OZ**

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LET'S TURN THE CLOCK  
BACK A FEW DAYS AND  
SEE WHAT WE CAN SEE...

ATTENTION  
TO ORDERS!

WHAT  
NOW?

A  
DISPATCH  
DIRECTLY  
FROM THE FORTY-  
SECOND UNDER-  
MINISTER FOR  
IMPERIAL SECURITY  
AND SUSPICION.  
**HIGHEST  
PRIORITY.**

AGAIN?  
BUT WE  
JUST--  
HAVEN'T  
WE GOT **ENOUGH**  
ON OUR PLATE WITHOUT  
THESE **CONSTANT**  
BUREAUCRATIC INTER-  
FERENCES?

LOOK LIVELY,  
GENTLEMEN.

TOMS.

THE HIGH MUCKY-MUCKS,  
IN THEIR **INFINITE WISDOM**, HAVE  
ORDAINED YET **ANOTHER** INVENTORY.

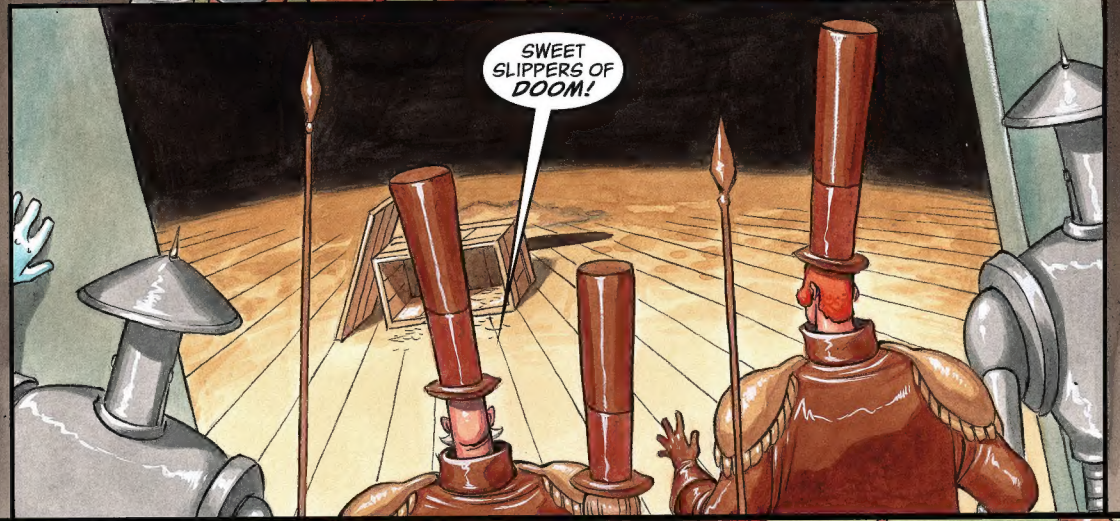


THIS IS GETTING RIDICULOUS.

SECURE THAT MUTINOUS TALK, SOLDIER!

IF THE OVERLORDS NEED REASSURANCE THAT THEIR WEAPONS-GRADE MAGICAL TREASURES ARE SAFE, WE'LL PROVIDE IT WITH THE PROPER MILITARY COMPORTMENT.

LET'S GET THESE DOORS OPEN, TOM.



SWEET SLIPPERS OF DOOM!

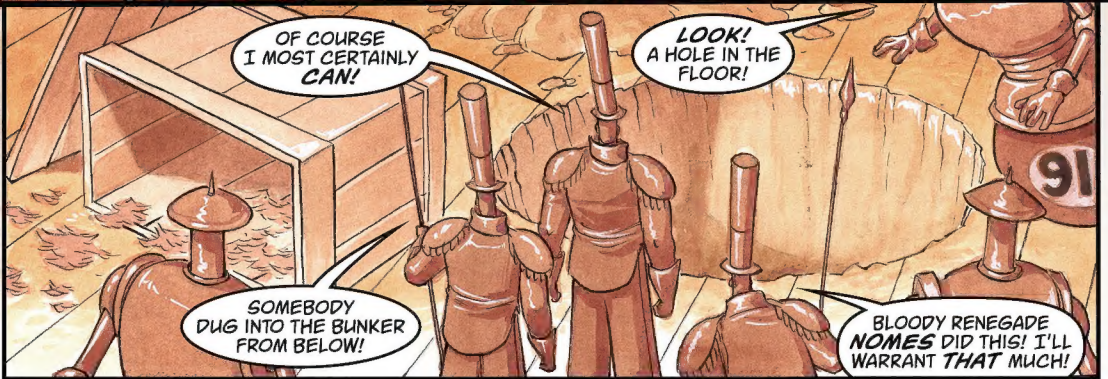


IT'S EMPTY, CAPTAIN.

ALL THE MAGIC ITEMS--

I CAN SEE THAT, TOM!

CAN'T I SEE THAT FOR MYSELF?!



OF COURSE I MOST CERTAINLY CAN!

LOOK! A HOLE IN THE FLOOR!

SOMEBODY DUG INTO THE BUNKER FROM BELOW!

BLOODY RENEGADE NOMES DID THIS! I'LL WARRANT THAT MUCH!

"WHO MADE OFF WITH OUR WEAPONS?"

WE GOT AWAY WITH EVERYTHING!

EVERYTHING!

THE GOLDEN CAP! WITH THIS WE CAN TURN THE AIR PATROL TO OUR SIDE!

NOT YET. WE'LL HOLD OFF UNTIL THEY CAN BE USED IN A SUDDEN SURPRISE ATTACK.

LOOK! THE POWDER OF LIFE! PRACTICALLY MY OWN FATHER AND MOTHER IN A BOX!

I'M MORE INTERESTED IN THE EXPECTACLES. IF WE CAN SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO BUFKIN--

I'LL TAKE CHARGE OF ALL THE CASKS OF OBLIVION WATER. REVOLUTIONARIES WHO CAN'T REMEMBER SECRETS CAN'T SPILL SECRETS!

THAT'S AN ADVANTAGE WE SHAN'T SQUANDER.

Next:  
Victory is assured!

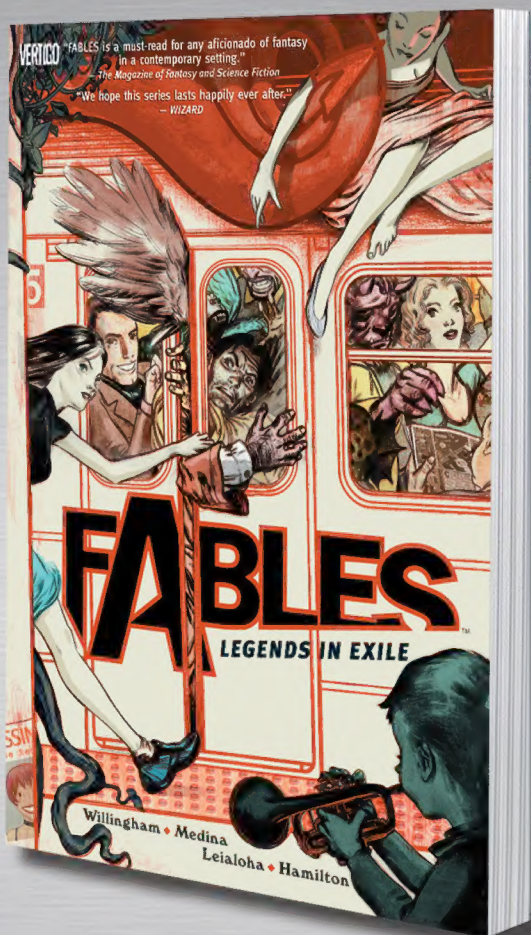
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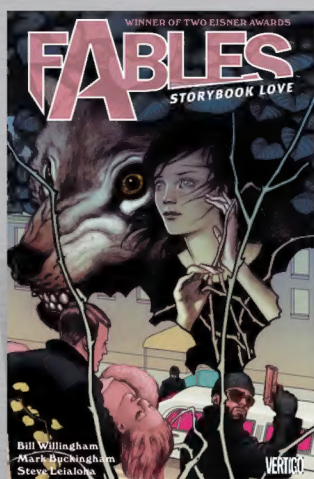
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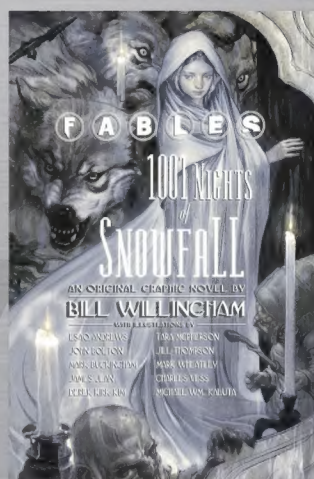
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